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Focus on Membership Remains Amid Mixed Gains and Losses

Happy February! Another month has passed, and I have no idea where it went so fast. It looks like we may end January with a membership gain, but we are still down about 30 for the year. Unfortunately, I have received Macomb Township's approval to cancel their charter. Once LCI approves it, that will be a loss of 15 more. But I have not lost hope because I know this District and when you are up against the wall or challenged, you come through with flying colors. We saw this with the recently completed sock drive challenge where you exceeded our expectations. Because of this, we have decided to challenge all of you again, this time with membership. Starting the first of this month through April 1st, we want to see how many new members you can get.



Then on April 30th in conjunction with LCI Worldwide Induction Day, we will hold an induction and orientation at Leader Dog for all of our new members. Refreshments will be provided, and awards given out. Please see the flyer for more information. There is a lot of great ways to find new members. If you are unsure how or need some ideas, please ask around. We may be individual clubs, but we are one District and, in my opinion, the greatest District.

Enough on membership for now. This month also brings us the last round of Region meetings. Please RSVP and let's have the best attendance we have had this year. Remember, these meetings are for the clubs. It is your opportunity to tell us about the great things you have done recently and those events you have coming up. It is also a chance for you to network with each other, pick up a new idea or two, and to learn from one another. We will be doing the roundtable again this time. Please bring any questions or issues you would like to discuss. The floor is open, and we would like to give you answers or work through something to come up with a solution.

There are many other events coming up including Bear Lake Kickoff Dinner at Fraser the 15th, Bear Lake's Polar Plunge on the 18th, the Michigan Forum in Grand Rapids on the 24th, and the District Euchre Tournament the 25th. Please try to make it out to a couple of these. They good way to meet new Lions and have FUN!





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Speaking of fun, don't forget to register for the District Convention in Mount Pleasant. The stampede is coming and it's going to be a wild time. If you never have been to a convention before, I urge you to give it a try. It's a fun way to get to meet your fellow Lions, make new friendships, and hear about the great things going on in the District, with our projects, and Internationally. Our guest will be ID Dianne Pitts and her husband, PCC Joe from South Carolina. Hopefully they will bring us some southern warm weather. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you, having fun, learning some new things, making blankets for the children's shelter, and electing our new District officers for next year. Also, please send information to PDG Patti Barr for any member that has passed away since last convention for the memorial service. And if you have any special club awards you would like to present, please bring them to the Saturday awards breakfast.

I would like to close just touching on membership again. Think about why you are a Lion, why you chose to be in a service organization. Surely, you will be asked this as you go out seeking new members. A simple answer can be this quote I recently saw "Life is not about being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect. It's about being real, humble, and kind." – unknown. I think this is a true statement for all Lions, we do this because we know it's the right thing to do. All you need to do is ask one person to come see what we do. There's no reason they won't like what they see and want to be a part of it.

Until next month, keep up the great work!

Shawn Blaszczyk

11 A-2 District Governor

11 A-2 Membership Challenge!

February 1st - April 1st

The Club that has the highest percentage (%) membership increase

The Sponsor of the most number of new members

The Region that has the highest percentage (%) membership increase

The Zone that has the highest percentage (%) membership increase

The starting membership will be based on the February 1st MMR and the final numbers will be based upon the April 1st MMR as reported by Lion Larry Cole.

In conjunction with LCL Worldwide Induction Day, we will hold a district wide induction and orientation at

LEADER DOG SUNDAY APRIL 30 NOON-3 PM
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED WITH ORIENTATION
AWARDS PRESENTED







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Please remember and follow these guidelines:

- ALL Convention attendees MUST be registered.
- Reservations & cancellations MUST be made with BOTH the hotel and the convention committee.
- Meal tickets must be purchased in advance; none will be sold at convention.
- Refunds will be given for all items except registration fees if request is received by the Convention Chairperson no later than March 15th 2023
- Hotel cancellation policy will govern the refund of hotel reservation deposits.
- There is a NO FUNDRAISING policy at convention, and it will be enforced.
- Alcoholic beverages in hotel common areas (including MIXER and Banquet)MUST be purchased from the hotel.

District Convention Seeks to Honor Those We've Lost

Fellow Lions!

I am preparing the slide show for the 2023 District Convention Memorial. Please email the member's name, club, date joined (if available) and a picture. If a picture is not available, please be sure to include the name of the funeral home and I can obtain the picture from there (hopefully).

We are including any Lion we lost from March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

Please Note: The cutoff date is February 28, 2023, any deceased Lions after the cutoff will be saved until next year's service.

Thank you, PDG Patti Barr ppbarr@aol.com









Lions District 11-A2 Convention Come Party with Governor Shawn Blaszczyk "Reinforcing Lions Through Service and Growth" March 31 - April 2, 2023 @ Comfort inn & Suites 2424 South Mission Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan



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Send completed registration form, with checks payable to Lions International District 11-A2

REGISTRATIONS AND CHECKS <u>MUST BE RECEIVED</u> BY DATES ABOVE, <u>NOT IN MAIL</u> BY THESE DATES

mail to: Lion Dick Maxwell 18701 Walmer Lane Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Questions: 248-642-9561

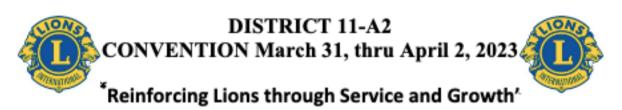


District 11-A2 Governor Shawn Blaszczyk Credential Co-Chairperson Rhonda Furby, 2VDG 29041 Brittany Court, Roseville, MI 48066 carousel_girl@hotmail.com

DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CONVENTION

- 1. Delegates/Alternates form must be received by the Credential Chairman by March 29, 2023.
- 2. The number of Delegates allowed per club is based on the total membership stated on the February 2022 MMR. It is one delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof.
- 3. To change an Alternate to a Delegate at the Convention, the club President or Secretary or the District Governor must be present and appear with said Alternate.
- 4. To receive voting credential, all Delegates must be registered at the Convention.
- 5. This form must be signed by both the President and Secretary of your club.

Club Name:							
Membership as of February 2022 MMR :							
Signature of President:							
Alternate	Office use						



Saturday April 1, 2023

Diabetes Luncheon

Presented by National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

Location:

Comfort Inn & Suites 2424 South Mission Street Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Cost \$24.00

Lunch Served at 12:00 noon

Please plan to attend this informative luncheon for individuals who have type 2 diabetes or have family or friends who have T2D. You will learn about good nutrition and healthy eating habits to help control Type 2 Diabetes.

The Luncheon is limited to 35 participates.





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2VDG Monthly Submission

"At the end of the day, the only questions I will ask myself are... 'Did I love enough? Did I laugh enough? Did I make a difference?"

- Fb.com / FitWithBeth

Wasn't it just yesterday that I was saying we still have six months left to accomplish things? Today I feel like several of those months have already gone by. It's amazing the difference perspective can make in how we handle a day. So much is coming up and going on that sometimes it's easy to lose sight of where we are. We can't lose sight of the future, but we can't dwell there either, because we would totally miss out on today! Balance is the key!

So, let's go ahead and mention the upcoming things: Our last round of Region meetings is this month and Governor Shawn is inviting us all to the round table discussions again. I hope you have all signed up to be there as I enjoyed listening to everything you had to say the last time. Also this month is the Michigan Forum along with Vice Governor's training and the Council of Governor's Meeting. The Forum is a great chance to fit a lot of learning in one day and you should give it a try. In March/April we have our District Convention in Mt Pleasant. "Stampede" is our theme for the weekend, so put on your boots and hat and grab your lasso! Come have a good time while we take care of business and complete a service project during the weekend. During March and April your club should be electing new officers and filling out a PU 101 form for Lions Clubs International (they are due by May 15, 2023) and for the 2023-2024 Roster Book. In April we also have our last Cabinet meeting of the year. In May we have the Multiple District Convention in Muskegon. The Thursday picnic will be at a ship museum, and they are trying to work out the details for a parade on Saturday. Perhaps you could join us and try something new? We are hoping to see lots of competition in our new Membership Challenge and hope to get everyone involved in asking one person to join you and us as a Lion. We always have opportunities to share the joys of making a difference through service. Has your club reported a Service Project yet? Let's add that to the list of things to do.

Hopefully you can use your time with family and friends to satisfy the love and laughter questions above and living each day by our motto of "We Serve" can make a difference. Let's give it our best shot, pay it forward, and be better today than yesterday!

I hope to see you all somewhere soon and I may show up when you least expect me!

Don't wait another moment...to make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,









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New Members Welcomed In January

Beverly Hills

Craig Isaacs sponsored by Mark Scicluna

Eastpointe

Carla Harrison sponsored by Debra Richards Emma Harrison sponsored by Debra Richards Jon LaGore sponsored by Michael Wiley Roger Harrison sponsored by Debra Richards

Lake Orion

Donnie Bowers sponsored by Ronald Hines Melissa Bowers sponsored by Ronald Hines

Romeo

Nathan Booth sponsored by Scott Luther

Royal Oak

Renee Machiniak sponsored by Maureen Kenned

Washington

Eric Tessin sponsored by Neil Loos



Upcoming Events

Click on the calendar icon for more information.

To submit an event, email details to lionsnewsletterla2@gmail.com. The deadline each month is the 1st.

23-26 FEB	New Baltimore Lions Winterfest	24 FEB	Washington Lions Fish Fry *Every Friday thru March 31st	25 FEB	Fraser Lions Luau	26 FEB	<u>District Euchre</u> <u>Tournament - Fraser</u> <u>Lions</u>
O3	Fraser Lions Drag	O4	<u>Lathrup Village</u>	10	Sterling Heights	11	Roseville Lions
MAR	Queen Bingo	MAR	<u>Pancakes for Penrickton</u>	MAR	Lions Euchre	MAR	Steak Out
11	Romeo Lions Euchre	19	Eastpointe Lions	24	<u>Sterling Heights</u>	25	Eastpointe Lions
MAR		MAR	Euchre	MAR	<u>Lionness Trivia Night</u>	MAR	Chili & Soup
26 MAR	Sterling Heights Lions Easter Pancake Breakfast	31 Mar 02 Apr-	District 11 A2 Convention	02 APR	Center Line Lions Pancake Breakfast	O8 APR	Bear Lake Wild Game Dinner





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LCIF Seeks Disaster Relief Donations For Turkey

This month's devastating earthquake took the lives of over 47,000 people and has displaced countless more. It is being deemed one of the worst earthquakes of the last 100 years.

Please consider giving what you can to help LCIF aid those most in need at lionsclubs.org/donate

Lions of Michigan All-State Band



The Lions of Michigan All-State Band is going to Boston and so can YOU!

All members participate in:

- Audition process
- Band rehearsals in Jan/March/May
- Pre-tour band camp at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, MI, July 3 – 5, 2023
- Band tour to Boston
 July 5 12, 2023
 Performances at:
 - Lions International Convention, Boston
 - The Plaza, Boston
 - Lions International Parade



LMASB CHARITIES, INC. LIONS ALL STATE BAND

We Serve Through Music



Scan the QR code to apply!

Tour includes:

- Motor coach transportation
- Hotel accommodations
- Meals
- Admission to attractions around Boston and New York City, including the 9/11 Museum
- Blue Man Group performance
- Broadway play

Per student cost is based on double occupancy. Local Lions Clubs are ready to help!



Michiganlionsband



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@lionsmiband



Lions of Michigan All State Band

Complete details, along with audition music, can be found at www.lionsmiband.org.





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Donation Mailing Addresses

Beaumont Silent Children's Fund Children's Speech Pathology

Attn: Kristine Rutkowski 4949 Coolidge Hwy Royal Oak, MI 48073

Eversight

Attn: Alex Teska 3985 Research Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Lions of Michigan All State Band Mike Shields

52995 Washington Street New Baltimore, MI 48047

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

Leo Schaefer, IPDG 46399 Imperial Ln Macomb Twp., MI 48044-3922

Sight Conservation/Diabetes/DAD

PZC Roger Blackwell, Chair 4555 Windswept Drive Milford, MI 48380

Sight Conservation / Diabetes

CHM Roger Blackwell, PZC 4555 Windswept Dr. Milford, MI 48380

Bear Lake (Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp)

PDG Jack Patton, Chair 1880 Lochinvar Blvd Oakland, MI 48363

District 11-A2 Project KidSight, Inc.

Paul Hemeryck, PCC 25509 Kelly Rd. Roseville, MI 48066

Leader Dogs for the Blind

CHM Frank Cunningham, PCC 1039 S. Rochester Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Lions Club International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122

Please Note: All checks should have the Club ID number or the Individual Member ID number in the memo section.

Penrickton Center for Blind Children

CHM Dick Maxwell, PCT 18701 Walmer Ln. Beverly Hills, MI 48025









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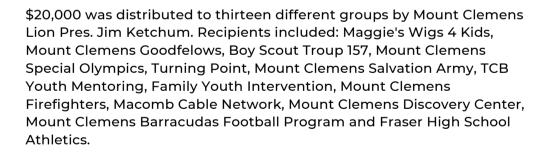
Happening Around the District

Does your club have work you'd like to highlight? Email details to lionsnewsletterlla2@gmail.com. The deadline each month is the 1st.



Mount Clemens Lions Charity Dinner

The Mount Clemens Lions welcomed representatives from local organizations, community groups and non-profits on Tuesday evening, January 24th, 2023, at the Rec Bowl in Mount Clemens to receive checks through funds raised during the 2022 Lions Soap Box Grand Prix. Also joining a dinner hosted and given by Rec Bowl owner Fred Fox were a number of volunteers who helped to make last year's 30th running of the race a huge success. A history of Soap Box Derby racing was provided by MC for the evening and Grand Prix Chairman Lion 2VP Darryl Hissong. Fred Fox gave a brief history of the Mount Clemens Grand Prix which began in 1992 with a few tavern owners hoping to generate some fun and excitement and bring people into the downtown area.



Guest speaker for the evening was Lion Peter Frame, whose Grandfather won the 1932 Indianapolis 500. The Mount Clemens Grand Prix, over its thirty years, has raised and given more than \$415,000.00 to local groups and charities.

Summitted by, 2VP and MC Lion Editor, Darryl Hissong

(Bottom) Rec Bowl Dinner guests (Middle) 2VP Darryl Hissong, Rec Bowl owner Fred Fox & MC Pres. Jim Ketchum Top) TCB Youth Mentoring Director Tommy Barnes gratefully accepts check from MC Pres. Jim Ketchum (one of 13 charities receiving checks this evening)













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Royal Oak Lions at Forgotten Harvest

Here are some pictures of Royal Oak Lions Club members plus one spouse volunteering at Forgotten Harvest on Monday, January 30, 2023, in recognition of Hunger Awareness Month. Along with other volunteers, 6,329 pounds of fresh food was sorted into "like" commodities for distribution to Food Banks.

(Left): Lions Maureen Elliott, Laura Mastracci, Maureen Kennedy, Bob Westbury, Mary Lambrix and Laura's spouse, Mark Mastracci.

(Right): Lion Bob and Mark surveying the "fruits" of our labor. (Center): Lion Maureen Kennedy stacking the empty totes







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WASHINGTON LIONS FISH FRY

58000 Van Dyke, Washington, MI

4:30 - 7:00 PM

February 24, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



BAKED OR FRIED FISH, BAKED POTATO OR FRENCH FRIES,
MAC & CHEESE, COLE SLAW, ROLL & BUTTER,
DESSERT & BEVERAGE

CASH, or CREDIT CARD WITH SERVICE FEE

ADULTS \$17.00

CHILD 6 – 12: \$9.00 / 5 & UNDER FREE

ALL YOU CAN EAT, NOT ALL YOU CAN TAKE!























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Lathrup Village Lions

presents

17th Annual Pancake Breakfast

to benefit:







Prices

Adults: \$10.00* Children 5-12: \$3.00 Children under 5: Free!

*Presale \$10.00, day of the Event \$11.00



Free Vision Screening by Lions Project Kidsight

For Children Ages 1 to 5 Special Camera for Vision Screening

Saturday, March 4, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Lathrup Village Municipal Building
27400 Southfield Road

Purchase tickets at the Municipal Building OR From Any Lathrup Lions Club Member

For More Information Contact: Lion Dick Maxwell at 248.642.9561

Email: ndmaxwell@comcast.net





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Euchre Tournament STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS

CHARITY FUND RAISER

Friday, March 10, 2023

Sterling Heights Lions Club House
12828 Canal Road,

Sterling Heights, Mi. 48313

(1/4 mile south of Hall Rd., west of Schoenherr)

Doors Open 6:00 - Play begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$15 Per person – includes pizza, snacks and

1 free drink ticket at the Cash Bar

CASH PRIZES

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Roseville Lions Club Steak Out

The Roseville Lions Club

Is hosting their Steak Out on Saturday March 11, 2023

Bring your friends and enjoy a night of good food and friendship.

Dinner includes: Steak, Potato, Salad, Veggie, Rolls & Butter, and Dessert

ALL TICKETS SOLD WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A 55 INCH SMART TV

Door Prize and 50/50 raffle

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Only \$35.00 per person w/Cash Bar

Location: Fraser Lions Hall

34540 Utica Rd Fraser, MI 48026 SORRY NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Doors open @ 6:00 PM Dinner from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

For ticket information and table reservations please contact: Lion Bob Bork at (586)662-0369, Lion Bob Jr. (586)864-8577 or Lion Eric Errickson (586)202-8699 by March 5, 2023

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT ROSEVILLE LIONS CLUB CHARITIES





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Hosted by the Romeo Lions Club ALL PROCEEDS GO TO: LIONS CHARITIES

Saturday, March 11, 2023

269 E. Washington Street, Romeo 48065 Doors Open @ 6:30 pm First hand @ 7:00 pm

\$30 per person
Food & Refreshments

Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

For more information or to RSVP contact:

margaretj369@gmail.com 586-764-0730





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Blue Finn Bar & Grill

13330 East Ten Mile Rd. in Warren

Doors open at 12:15 p.m. - Playing time 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$22.00 and includes Chicken Buffet Dinner and Desserts

Cash Prizes for Top 3 Places, Most Loaners - High Game Euchre Quarters - 50/50 & Chinese Raffle - Cash Bar

For More Information Call: Randy Lewis (586) 202-7858

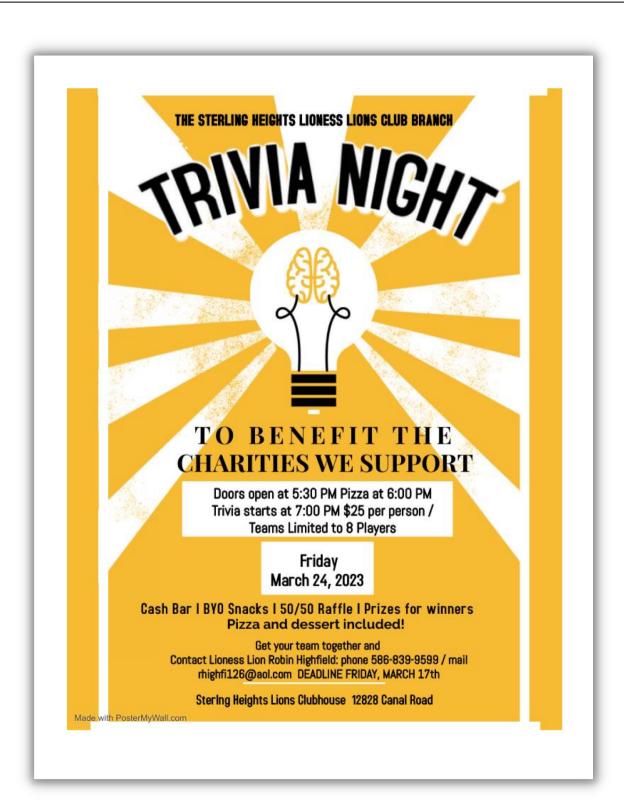
Future Euchre Tournament Dates: October 16th, November 20th, December 18th, January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, and June 11th



























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CENTER LINE LIONS CLUB

66th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
For the benefit of Sight & Hearing Conservation

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd 2023



8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

50 / 50 Raffle

CENTER LINE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA 26300 ARSENAL, CENTER LINE

ADULTS: \$7.00

CHILDREN ages 4-12: \$4.00 CHILDREN 3 & under: Free

DONATIONS GREATLY
APPRECIATED









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Metamora Lions Club House, 3790 N. Oak St. Metamora, Mi. 48455

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Doors open at 5pm-Dinner at 6

Tickets \$60 per person OR \$400 Table of 8

Gourmet Wild Game Dinner Catered by Metamora Country Club!

3 Drink tickets! Cash Bar for Mixed Cocktails!

Door prizes! Win a Ruger 10/22! Hourly Drawings!

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Platinum \$2,500

Gold \$1,000

Wer \$500

See the second page for sponsorship and event details.

Order your tickets today online

www.bearlakecamp.org "under the event tab"

Or to purchase tickets via mail send check payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, Mi 48448

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